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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV- US CONVERSATION ON CSCE

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL JUNE 27 MAINLY TO DISCUSS CSCE (DISCUSSION OF OTHER TOPICS REPORTED SEPARATELY). GRANFIL REITERATED KNOWN YUGOSLAV POSITIONS ON CSCE ISSUES, NOTING IN PARTICULAR HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO EXPAND DISCUSSION OF MILITARY MEASURES BEYOND THREE CBM'S MENTIONED IN MPT FINAL DOCUMENT; TO USE CSCE TO ESTABLISH GENERAL POLITICAL FRAMEWORK FOR MBFR; TO PRESS FOR AGREEMENT ON HOLDING SERIES OF CONFERENCES; TO GIVE DUE ATTENTION AT CSCE TO MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES AND PERMIT INTERESTED MEDITERRANEAN NONPARTICIPANTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO CONSIDER PROBLEM  
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OF LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN EUROPE, AS WELL AS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AS A WHOLE AND LDC' S; AND TO CONSIDER RIGHTS ON NATIONAL MINORITIES IN CONTEXT OF CSCE DISCUSSION OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL TOPICS ( IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE, YUGOSLAV MINISTER COUNSELOR OSOLNIK MADE IT CLEAR THAT FOCUS OF YUGOSLAV CONCERN WAS STATUS OF MACEDONIANS IN BULGARIA AND GREECE).

2. STOESSEL RESPONDED BY REVIEWING US POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES NOTING THAT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT CSCE DISCUSSIONS OF MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY SHOULD BE.

LIMITED TO CBM' S MENTIONED IN MPT REPORT, ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE OF FACT THAT SOME PARTICIPANTS WILL WISH TO STATE THEIR VIEWS ON BROADER ASPECTS OF MILITARY SECURITY. STOESSEL ALSO EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO ALLOW CERTAIN NORTH AFRICAN STATES TO BRING THEIR VIEWS TO ATTENTION OF THE CONFERENCE AND OBSERVED THAT CIRCULATION OF WRITTEN STATEMENTS, ALONG LINES PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY ALGERIANS AND TUNISIANS AT MPT; MIGHT BE BEST APPROACH. GRANFIL DID NOT DEMUR.

3. IN RESPONSE TO GRANFIL' S QUESIONS, STOESSEL SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS DURING NIXON- BREZHNEV SUMMIT DID NOT RPT NOT GET INTO DETAIL OF CSCE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. SOVIETS PRESSED FOR UNDERSTANDING THAT CSCE SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BY END OF 1973 AND SHOULD END WITH SUMMIT LEVEL MEETING. HOWEVER, AS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE INDICATES, WE LEFT OPEN BOTH THE DURATION OF CSCE STAGE 2 AND LEVEL OF STAGE 3. GROMYKO THOUGHT HELSINKI MINISTERIAL MIGHT LAST WEEK OR TEN DAYS. WE DO NOOT HAVE IN MIND FIXED TIME PERIOD FOR THIS MEETING, STOESSEL OBSERVED, BUT ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE AS LONG AS NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH BUSINESS AT HAND.

4. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO DELEGATIONS AT MTP. GRANFIL SAID YUGOSLAVS HOPED THAT PERIODIC US- YUGOSLAV CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE COULD CONTINUE AND STOESSEL AGREED SUCH CONVERSATIONS WERE USEFUL. ROGERS  
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